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Docket No. 50265-0018

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of	) Group Art Unit: 2825
David C. Chapman	) Examiner: A. Thompson
Serial No. 09/421,437	)
Filed: October 19, 1999	)

For: APPROACH FOR ROUTING AN INTEGRATED CIRCUIT

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 9, 2001, please amend the application referenced above as indicated hereinafter. Pursuant to updated rule 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, the amended and new claims are provided in "clean form" below and a complete set of marked up claims showing the deletions and additions in amended claims and the new claims is provided on separate pages after this amendment and response.

Board Decision

11. (AMENDED) The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein determining the routing path between the first and second integrated circuit devices includes identifying one or more obstacles that block the routing path, determining one or more locations to employ corner clipping to provide additional space for the routing path, and

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